

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 14-24 as follows:

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14. A method for surfslide comprising the steps of:

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- (a) fixing an open pipe ramp system having a top and a bottom and an inner side and outer side in relation to the ground;
 - (b) disposing a friction control surface with the ability to retain a lubricating substance on said inner side of said ramp system;
 - (c) lubricating said friction control surface of said inner side of said ramp system;
 - (d) providing for an upwardly opening cross section substantially wide to enable a user to control speed and movement in said ramp system and a downward and forward slope from said top to said bottom;
 - (e) entering means at said top of said ramp system whereby a user or a conveyance carrying a user enters, travels on said ramp system downwardly over said friction control surface, the users skills are employed to control direction, speed, and vertical ability while traveling downwardly on said ramp system until the user exits said ramp system at said bottom of said ramp system; and
 - (f) providing a drain system

15. A surfslide apparatus comprising:

- (a) a fixed open pipe ramp system having a top and a bottom and having an

inner side and outer side;

(b) a friction control surface with the ability to retain ^{a lubricant} ~~a lubricating substance~~ disposed on said inner side of said ramp system;

(c) a ^{lubricant} ~~lubrication means~~ which flows over said friction control surface of said inner side of said ramp system;

(d) said ramp system having an upwardly opening cross section substantially wide to enable a user to control speed and movement and sloping downwardly and forwardly from said top to said bottom;

B! (e) said ramp system having an entrance at said top whereby a user or a conveyance carrying a user enters, travels on said ramp system downwardly over said friction control surface, the users skills are employed to control direction, speed, and vertical ability while traveling downwardly on said ramp system until the user exits said ramp system at said bottom of said ramp system; and

(f) a drain system

~~15~~ 16. An apparatus as claimed in claim ¹⁵ ~~fifteen~~ in which said ^{lubricant} ~~lubricating means~~ controls the friction between said friction control surface and a user or conveyance carrying a user sliding over said friction control surface.

~~16~~ 17. An apparatus as claimed in claim ¹⁵ ~~fifteen~~ which further comprises a means for supporting said ramp system.

18. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen which further comprises a lubrication recirculation system.

19. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen which further comprises an attachment means for adhering said friction control surface to the inner side of the said ramp system.

20. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen which further comprises said ramp system having a plurality of curves and slope increases and decreases as said ramp system is constructed downwardly and forwardly from top to bottom.

21. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen which further comprises a means for allowing a user to travel downwardly through said ramp system either standing erect, sitting, lying, or kneeling on a conveyance carrier.

23. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen which further comprises a plurality of open pipe structures connected together to form said ramp system.

24. An apparatus as claimed in claim fifteen in which said ramp system has a first upper wall disposed on the left of the longitudinal axis of said open pipe and a second upper wall disposed on the right of the longitudinal axis of said open pipe which allows for a user or conveyance carrying a user to stand or sit and travel upwardly upon said first upper wall and downwardly again to the center of the ramp system and then upwardly upon said second upper wall, causing a

31 back and forth motion as the user travels in a generally downwardly motion to the bottom of said ramp system.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Drawing objections are noted and will be corrected after allowance. Please delete the following drawings 2a, 2d, 2f, 2g, 3a, and 3b from the application. Applicant respectfully requests that drawing 4a be edited as with new drawing 4a.

REMARKS

Applicant has rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentable over the prior art.

The Rejection of Claims Under Section 103(a) over Langford U.S. Patent 5,011,134 and in view of Heller U.S. Patent 2,245,482 is Overcome

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langford in view of Heller. Langford is a water slide ride and flotation device having roller coaster like topography including successive downhill and uphill runs. The rider, while seated or lying down, skims the surface of the water slide using a sliding device which floats on water. The drain is located at the low points between uphill and downhill sections. The Langford invention is characterized by "a trough or chute where adequate water is retained to allow the rider to skim the surface". In this invention, the rider is confined to a narrow, predetermined